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AND TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION**

Notes from the Executive Session
March 27, 2014
University of Baltimore

At 1:03 p.m., Regent Attman read the Statement Regarding Closing a Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization. Regent Attman then called for a motion to convene in executive session under State Government Article Section 10-508(a)(14). Regent Gossett made a motion to convene in executive session, Regent McMillen seconded it, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization convened in executive session at 1:05 p.m.

The regents in attendance were Mr. Attman, Mr. Gossett, Mr. McMillen, Mr. Rauch, Ms. Turner, and Dr. Vance (by phone). Also participating in the meeting were Chancellor Kirwan, Mr. Vivona, Mr. Balakrishnan, Dr. Boughman, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Darmody, Ms. Doyle, and Assistant Attorney General Bainbridge.

Mr. Eric Chapman, Assistant Vice President of Research at UMCP, briefed the Committee on the NIST Cyber Security FFRDC initiative. FFRDCs, or Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, are unique independent nonprofit entities sponsored and funded by the U.S. government to meet specific long-term technical needs. FFRDCs typically assist government agencies with scientific research and analysis and bring together the expertise and outlook of government, industry, and academia to solve complex technical problems.

The Cyber Security FFRDC is expected to be headquartered in Montgomery County, Maryland and will be a research and development FFRDC. The USM has teamed up with a not-for-profit partner to respond to the forthcoming NIST Request for Proposals (RFP). The USM offers collective broad expertise in cyber security.

The final RFP is expected to be issued during the first week of April with proposal submission likely due by the end of May and the award announced in the September/October 2014 time frame. The initial award will be for five years, with four, five-year renewal options. As such, the winning team could lead the FFRDC for the next 25 years and significant regional and national competition is expected for this award. If selected, the USM will have a leading role in guiding and directing the research, evaluation, and technology aspects of the FFRDC.

The executive session adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Attman, Chair
Committee on Economic Development
and Technology Commercialization